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SUBJECT: LEBANON

REF: STATE 081258

1. CONVEYED MESSAGE REFTEL TO ASAD'S POLITICAL COUNSELOR
DAOUDI MORNING APRIL 4. HE UNDERTOOK RELAY OUR MESSAGE TO
PRESIDENT SOONEST.

2. DAOUDI ASKED WHAT WE PERCEIVED AS POSSIBLE FORM OF
SOVIET "INTERVENTION". REPLIED WE KNEW FROM VARIOUS SOURCES
THAT SOVIETS HAD GIVEN THEIR POLITICAL BLESSING AS WELL AS
FINANCIAL BACKING TO LEBANESE COMMUNIST PARTY (CPL) LEADER
HAWI. DAOUDI THEN ASKED IF WE HAD ANY INFORMATION ABOUT
SOVIET ATTITUDE TOWARDS SYRIAN MEDIATION IN LEBANON AND
OF ANY DIRECT SOVIET ARMS SUPPLY TO CPL. SAID I WAS
NOT FULLY BRIEFED ON EITHER QUESTION BUT WOULD INQUIRE.
RE ARMS SUPPLY, AS HE KNEW,
ALL PARTIES IN LEBANON HAVE HAD ACCESS TO ARMS SOURCES
WORLD WIDE, INCLUDING THOSE IN EASTERN EUROPE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED:

ADVISE IF THERE ANY INFORMATION WE COULD USEFULLY
MAKE AVAILABLE TO SARG CONCERNING SOVIET ATTITUDE TOWARDS
SYRIAN MEDIATION EFFORTS AND/OR OF ANY DIRECT SOVIET
ARMS SUPPLY TO CPL OR OTHERS IN LEBANON.

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